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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #21 - As of 1600 P.M. EDT)

1. There has been no significant change in the over-all military situation since the last report. The Indians claim their forces are continuing to move forward in their drive toward Sialkot on the northern end of the Punjab front but the Pakistanis insist the drive has been contained. Indian Minister of Defense Chavan claims the Indian attack aimed at Lahore, which has bogged down, was primarily a diversionary move to take Pakistani pressure off Indian forces in Kashmir. This appears a questionable explanation, however.

2. Air activity continues but at a reduced level with recent raids aimed at air bases rather than large population centers. Pakistani aircraft attacked the Indian bases at Halwar and Jodhpur and Indian planes launched a major raid against the large Pakistani base at Sargodha. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the runway at Jamnagar air field, on the Gulf of Kutch, has been badly damaged by Pakistani attacks. Jamnagar is across the bay from Kandla where major oil companies have large storage facilities.

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3. In the war at sea, New Delhi claims that Pakistani navy elements which shelled the western Indian port of Dwarka on the morning of 8 September have been cut off from their Karachi base by units of the Indian navy. Additional ships of the Indian navy are reported moving into the area.

4. There has been no further information regarding possible hostilities in East Pakistan. Indian Defense Minister Chavan informed parliament that "we have no quarrel with East Pakistan" and stated that he did not visualize taking any action to escalate the war in that field "at the present moment."

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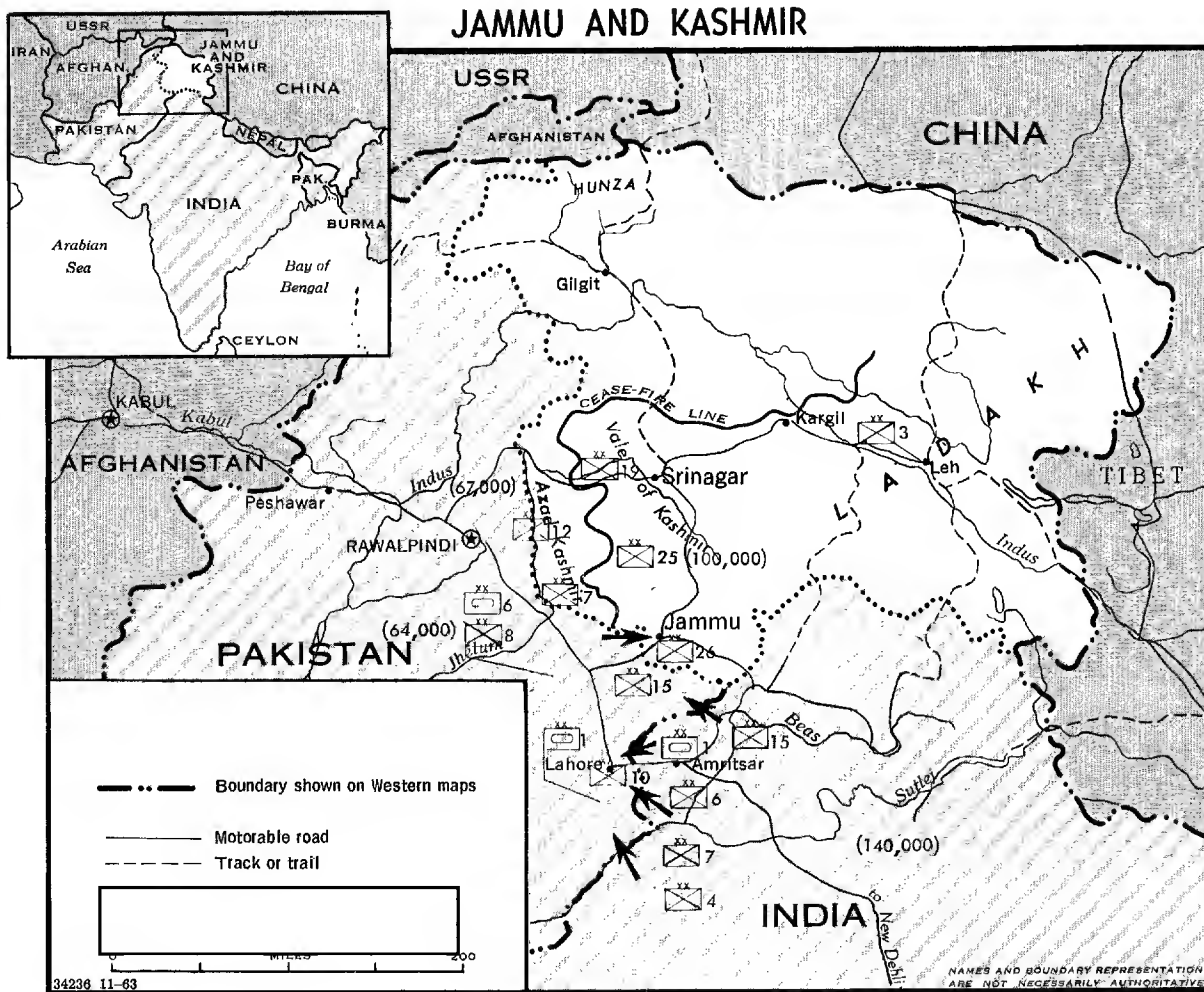
6. Following release of the tough Chinese note to India earlier today, Chairman Liu Shao-chi received the Pakistani Ambassador in Peking and gave him a letter for President Ayub Khan. In Djakarta, the Chairman of the Indonesian Communist Party and the Chinese Ambassador have issued a statement calling for full support for Pakistan and condemning Indian aggression as "contrary to the Bandung spirit."

7. Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio stated today that, although no official request has been received, "we understand that Pakistan expects aid from whomever is willing to help." Another high-ranking Indonesian official said that details of Indonesian aid will be worked out at a meeting tonight.

8. Turkish Foreign Ministry officials feel they face a dilemma in answering continued Pakistani demands for support. They say they would like to stay out of the conflict but, because of extremely close ties with Pakistan, Turkish loyalty, honor and pride might force the Turks to act, "even to the extent of direct military support." Iranian foreign Minister Aram was scheduled to fly to Ankara tomorrow to discuss aid for Pakistan.

9. Anti-American feeling reportedly is increasing in Calcutta, not only because it is felt that the US has failed to prevent the use of American-built planes by the Pakistani Air Force in the Calcutta area, but because of a rumor the US is supplying Pakistan with replacements.

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Situation in Kashmir

(Addendum to Report #21 - As of 7:45 P.M. EDT)

1. The Pakistan Government radio has announced that Indian paratroops have landed at Lahore, Karachi, and Sargodha in West Pakistan.

2. We have no confirmation of these landings, but if the report is true, the number of troops dropped is probably relatively small.

3. India claims that Pakistan has paraded troops near the Asansol-Durgadur steel complex in West Bengal. There is no confirmation of this report either.

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